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**To: City of Broken Arrow Mayor and City Council**

**From: Office of the City Manager**

### **Mayor Reynolds to be Hosted at Reception**

The City of Broken Arrow will host a reception for retired Mayor James C. Reynolds from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, at the Council Chambers in City Hall.

Reynolds announced in January that he would not run for re-election to his Ward 4 City Council seat April 1 after serving in that position since 1975. He was elected as Mayor in 1990 and held that post until he retired. His last Council meeting was April 7.

The “drop-in” reception will start with a brief program at 4 p.m., followed by a cake and punch reception until 6. A guest book will remain open during the evening and will later be presented to Reynolds.

The public is invited to attend.

### **Trash Bag Distribution Ends**

The distribution of free plastic trash bags to utility customers will come to a close Saturday (April 26), with totals nearing those of a year ago.

Public Works Director Dave Wooden reports that after Thursday ’s distribution the City had handed out 3.4 million of the bags to 17,000 customers. Last year the City gave 3,730,200 bags to 18,651 customers.

Public Works employees will be on hand at the Maintenance Center (1700 W.

Detroit) Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Customers must have their postcard sent to them with details of the distribution to receive their four rolls of 50 bags each.

The city-wide Free Spring Cleaning Day will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 3. On that day Broken Arrow residents will be able to bring in their yard trash, old furniture, old appliances (those without any hazardous materials), etc., to the Maintenance Center. There will be crews on hand to help them unload, and City sanitation workers will haul off the trash to the landfill.

Those customers who are home-bound or unable to get to the Maintenance Center during the two-week distribution may call the Water Department and request home delivery. After May 1 a list will be given to Sanitation Division workers, who will bring the trash bags to residences. Someone must be home, however, to exchange the card for the trash bags.

## **Speaking of Trash...**

A report issued by The Metropolitan Environmental Trust shows that Broken Arrowans averaged .524 tons of trash per person collected during the 2002 calendar year, compared to .427 for Tulsans.

The statistics show how much trash was taken to landfills during the year. Those figures show that 395,893 Tulsans had 169,444 tons collected, while 80,682 in Broken Arrow had 42,249. Sand Springs actually topped the average chart with .678 per person, while Glenpool was third at .511 and Owasso fourth at .504.

Overall in the area, the average per person over the year was .433. So now you know!

## **Learn to Swim Signups Going Well**

Krystal Ridenour, Registration Coordinator for the City of Broken Arrow Learn to Swim program, reports that at mid-week there were 259 signups for the 2003 lessons. The two-week sessions will begin June 2 and continue through the July 24.

Cost of each session is \$40. That includes four lessons each week for two weeks (Mondays through Thursdays). The classes, which last about 40 minutes for older children and 30 for infants, start at 9:00 in the mornings, with a new group starting each hour through 12:30 p.m. Evening classes are also available at 6 p.m., with two more finishing at about 8:30.

Learn to Swim classes are held in the old Central Pool in Central Park, adjacent to the Family Aquatic Center. Sarah Ann Brown will once again be Supervisor of the aquatics lessons program. The phone number for additional information is 259-8436.

Anyone with a Water Safety Instructor certificate who wishes to work in the program should contact the City of Broken Arrow Human Resources Department at City Hall.

City pools, including the FAC, Haskell and new Country Aire facility, are scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend (May 24). Broken Arrow's pools and swimming programs are being featured this spring in an issue of a statewide magazine.

## **Firefighters, Police Headed to Camp Bandage**

Once again this year the Broken Arrow Police and Fire departments will be participating in Camp Bandage at Medicine Square Garden.

The event will be held Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Emergency personnel from Broken Arrow help stage a mock auto collision at Camp Bandage each year. Those in attendance will have an opportunity to see just how first responders work the scene of a collision with “injuries,” and sometimes even a fatality. Life Flight medical helicopter will once again land at the scene unless needed for a real emergency.

This is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the official Camp Bandage program, although the late Dr. A.L. Gerner started providing instructions on first aid and accident prevention to his children and their friends a few years before that. Camp Bandage was featured on national TV in the late 1980s, bringing attention to Broken Arrow and helping spreading similar safety programs to 28 other states.

Dr. Gerner, a long-time Broken Arrow physician and former Citizen of the Year, passed away Feb. 20 after a long illness. His wife Shirley, who was a nurse, died on April 19, 1998.

This will be the first Camp Bandage without Dr. Gerner, but his son Paul said that the program would continue “as long as there’s an interest in helping kids avoid accidents and know how to treat injuries and save lives. ”

There is no admission cost for Camp Bandage. Medicine Square Gardens is located on County Line Road, just before it turns east toward Coweta (15800 S. 193<sup>rd</sup> E. Ave.). There will be clowns on hand and balloons and handouts for the kids, as well as safety and first aid tips. At 11 a.m. there will be an in-line skating safety rodeo, with some safety helmets given away to participants.

## **City Gearing Up for Rooster Days**

Rooster Days are coming May 8-11, and that means employees from several City departments have been busy preparing the the Chamber of Commerce event.

Even though sponsored by the Chamber each year, the internationally-honored event requires a great deal of cooperation from the City.

Central Park will once again be the site of Rooster Days, which will begin the evening of Thursday, May 8. Headliners on the large stage will be performing Friday and Saturday nights, with the carnival going all four days. City police, including many reserve officers, help monitor traffic, parking problems and behavior of the crowds. The Fire Department is also close at hand if needed for any reason. And Public Works and Parks employees are kept busy getting ready for Rooster Days, as well as cleaning up afterwards.



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